

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This **Listing of Claims** will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A discussion unit (10) for use in a conference system, wherein the discussion unit (10) is adapted to be connected to at least one second discussion unit (10), and wherein the discussion unit (10) comprises an essentially closed casing (410) having a base (414) and an additional narrow circumferentially closed edge (424) completely surrounding the closed casing (410) and at least one exchangeable portion (420) consisting of a hollow only circumferentially closed rim (422) that is removably mounted to the closed casing (410) so as to cover only the narrow circumferentially closed edge (424) of the closed casing (410).

2. (previously presented) The discussion unit (10) according to claim 1, wherein the exchangeable portion (420) covers an outer ring-like portion of a surface of an outside part (412) of the closed casing (410).

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The discussion unit (10) according to claim 1, wherein the closed casing (410) comprises at least one operating panel (412), the operating panel (412) having at least one panel base (414) and at least one operating element (416), wherein the panel base (414) is at least partially surrounded by the rim (422) on its circumferential edge (424).

6. (previously presented) The discussion unit (10) according to claim 1, wherein the at least one exchangeable portion (420) is mounted to the closed casing (410) by at least one interconnection (426), the at least one interconnection (426) comprising at least one of the following: a form-fit interconnection; a force-fit interconnection (426), preferably a snap-on mounting and/or a snap-hook (428) and/or a catch (438).

7. (currently amended) The discussion unit (10) according to claim 6, 1, wherein the closed casing (410) comprises at least one first section (452) and at least one second section (454), the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) being adapted to be attached to each other; wherein the at least one interconnection (426) is inaccessible from the outside of the casing (410) when the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) are attached to each other.

8. (previously presented) The discussion unit (10) according claim 1, wherein the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) are adapted to be attached to each other by means of screwing.

9. (previously presented) An exchangeable portion (420) adapted to be used as the at least one exchangeable portion (420) in a discussion unit (10) according to claim 1.

10. (previously presented) A set of exchangeable portions (420), the set comprising at least two exchangeable portions (420) according to claim 9, wherein at least two of the exchangeable portions (420) differ with regard to color and/or material.

11. (previously presented) A conference system comprising at least two discussion units (10) according to claim 1 referring to a discussion unit (10).

12. (new) A discussion unit (10) for use in a conference system and adapted for connection to at least one second discussion unit (10), the discussion unit (10) comprising an essentially closed casing (410) having a base (414), a first section (452), a second section (454), a narrow circumferentially closed edge (424) surrounding the closed casing (410) and an exchangeable portion (420) consisting of a hollow only circumferentially closed rim (422) that is removably mounted to the closed casing (410) so as to cover only the narrow

circumferentially closed edge (424) of the closed casing (410) using an interconnection (426), wherein the first section (452) and the second section (454) are adapted to be attached to each other in an arrangement that renders the interconnection (426) inaccessible from outside of the casing (410).